

# Fort Carson Community Information Exchange

***1 December 2011, 0930-1100  
The Hub***

***Our Mission:*** *Provide units mission support and services including quality of life programs for the Fort Carson Soldiers, Families and the community to enable forces to execute expeditionary operations and minimize stress on Soldiers and Families in a time of persistent conflict.*



# 1 Dec CIE Agenda

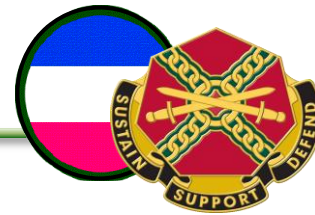


- Call to Order & Introductory Comments
- ACS Volunteers of the Quarter
- Hails and Farewells
- Garrison Commander
  - On-going Initiatives and Calendar Events
- Unit Update Briefs
- Organization/Agency Briefs
  - MEDDAC
  - Religious Support Office
- Special Briefs
  - Army Family Action Program
  - Balfour Beatty Holiday Events
  - Holiday Village Overview
  - USO Holiday Offerings
  - Christmas Chaos Community Theater
  - Santa's Workshop
- Question & Answer Period with Gar Cdr



# Hails and Farewells

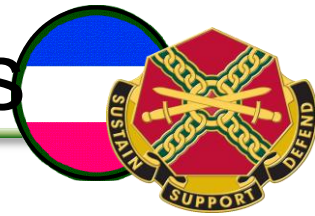
*“Getting Informed is a Proactive Sport”*



**COL Robert McLaughlin**  
**Garrison Commander**  
**(719) 526-5600**



# Building Resilient Soldiers & Families



## • **Leader Focus**

- Fiscal Stewardship
- Resilient not Dependent Families
- Standards Based Customer Service



## • **Operationalizing the Community Covenant**

- Warrior Family Community Partnership (streamline resources) and referral process across all Family programs (Central location = The HUB)
- Regional comprehensive system of care (integrated web-based system)
- Routine strategic communication that aligns and mobilizes community support

## • **Delivering Services & Programs within the ARFORGEN Cycle**

- ACS Leaders Guide to ARFORGEN Services
- Reintegration training promoting healthy relationships
- Tailored outreach events that meet specific unit needs
- Team focused sponsorship program (Unit & Installation Staff)
- Customized support for special populations (SFAC Support Groups & Immigration, EFMP, SOS)
- Warrior's Warehouse



# Building Resilient Soldiers & Families



- **Advocate for our Military Children**

- Semi-annual Child & Youth Symposium for Educators & Care Providers
- Adopt-a-School Program
- Streamline of Respite Care

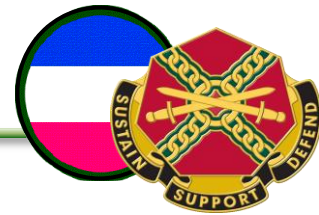
- **Supporting Survivors**

- World class facility providing home atmosphere to meet diverse needs
- Routine collaboration; weekly support groups, bi-weekly socials, monthly council, quarterly forum, bi-annual TAPS conference
- Linking services and units to surviving family members for as long as they desire





# Significant Events Next 30 Days



Complete calendar at [www.mwrfortcarson.com/](http://www.mwrfortcarson.com/)

- 6 Dec: WFCP & USAG Holiday Social, 1130-1300 @ SEC
- 8 Dec: ACS Volunteer Holiday Social, 1030-1230 @ ECC
- 9 Dec: March of Dimes Operation Baby Shower, 1000-1200 @ Hub
- 15 Dec: Fort Carson Volunteer Social, 1630-1830 @ ECC
- 16 Dec: Retirement Ceremony for Mr. Steve McCoy, Deputy Garrison Commander, 1300-1330 @ Room #107 Division HQs
- 16 Dec: Right Army Night, 1600-UTC @ Hub
- 31 Dec: Thunder Alley Black Light Show, 2100-2400 @ Thunder Alley Bowling Center
- 31 Dec: New Year's Eve Ball, 2000-0200 @ ECC
- 13 Jan: Fort Carson Ski Day @ Monarch Mountain

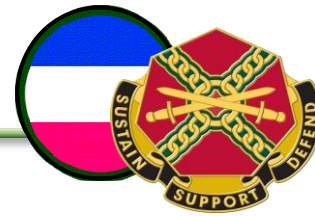


# Unit Update Briefs

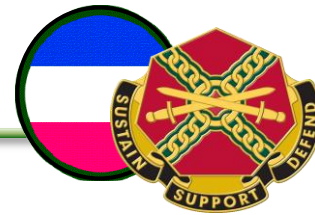


- 4ID DSTB
- 1BCT
- 2BCT
- 3BCT
- 4BCT
- MEDDAC
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grp
- 43<sup>rd</sup> SB
- 71<sup>st</sup> EOD
- 10<sup>th</sup> CSH
- 759<sup>th</sup> MPs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Eng
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Eng
- 1-2 Atk
- 13<sup>th</sup> ASOS
- WTB



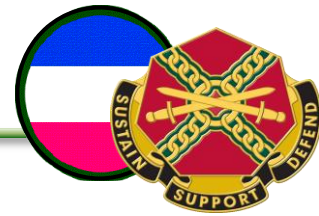


# Organization/Agency Briefs



**COL Jimmie Keenan**  
**MEDDAC**  
**(719) 526-7500**

# Seasonal Influenza Vaccination



- **All Eligible Beneficiaries:**
  - See your primary care provider/clinic
  - Note: **Flumist supply is limited** and will be available on a first come, first served basis

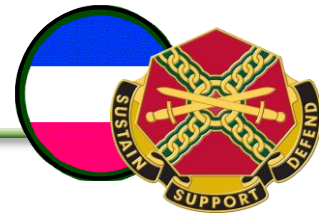


**Flu Information Recorded Message: (719) 526-6422**

For the most detailed information, instructions, and updates -  
[http://www.evans.amedd.army.mil/PM/flu\\_information.htm](http://www.evans.amedd.army.mil/PM/flu_information.htm)



# Evans Army Community Hospital



- Holiday Clinic Schedule

- 26 December and 2 January (federal holidays)

- » All clinics closed

- 23 December and 30 December (training holidays)

- » Primary care and OB/GYN clinics open 0730-1600

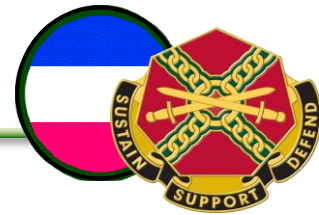
- » Specialty clinics closed

- » Operating Rooms closed

- No-shows: October = 44,000 Total Medical Appointments  
3,300 ended up as no-shows  
(equates to \$610,000 in lost revenue)



# Access to Care Line Phone Number Change



- What: The access to care line phone number has changed from **457-CARE** to **526-CARE** and **524-CARE**.
- Why: Because 457-CARE is hosted on an old telecom system which will no longer be supported by the commercial vendor.
- Discussion: Changing from 457-CARE to 526/524-CARE is an enhancement for our beneficiaries. For example, everyone remembers the “CARE” portion of the number, but the “457” part is easy to forget. Having the new numbers use existing Ft. Carson prefixes will make them easier to remember. Second, in the future if there are any problems with the CARE line, Ft. Carson Network Enterprise Center and MEDDAC telecom technicians can address issues immediately without having to coordinate with a commercial vendor.
- When:
  - 1-31 DEC 11: 457-CARE will deliver a message about the change but will continue to forward to CARE line operators.
  - 1-31 JAN 12: 457-CARE will deliver a message about the change but will not forward to CARE line operators.
  - 1 FEB 12: 457-CARE will be taken permanently off line.



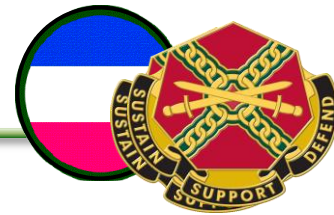
# **COL (Chaplain) David Brown**

## **Religious Support Office**

### **(719) 526-5279**



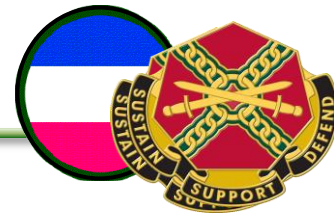
# Up-Coming Events



<u>Event</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
<b>04 Dec – Stone Soup &amp; Prayer Ride</b>	SMC, 1200-1400; Fellowship meal and prayer bus ride around Fort Carson, 526-8011
<b>7,9 &amp; 16 Dec – Dinner and Devotions</b>	PROV, 1900, Supper and Advent devotional program followed by family fun night games and activities, 526-2803
<b>9 &amp;10 Dec – Living Nativity</b>	SMC, 2000-2200, Drive-through, family-friendly, live animals, re-enactment of the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, 526-5744
<b>11 Dec – Cookie Café</b>	SMC, 1200; Homemade cookies to take home. Donations received support SMC kids project to adopt a Fort Carson family for Christmas, 526-5744
<b>13 Dec – Catholic Penance Service</b>	SMC, 1300, 526-5769
<b>15 Dec – Community Prayer Lunch</b>	SMC, 1130, Lunch and short devotion, 526-5769
<b>15 Dec – Soldier Family Ministry Forum</b>	SMC, 1330, Forum with religious leaders from Fort Carson and Colorado Springs community, 526-5769
<b>17 Dec – Christmas Musical</b>	PRUS, 1700, Children's Christmas musical, 526-8278



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<b>17 Dec – Bethlehem Bash</b>	SMC, 0800-1200, Family breakfast and children’s holiday workshop, ages 5-10, registration required, 526-5744
<b>17 Dec – Catholic Parish Christmas Potluck</b>	SMC, 1900, 524-2458
<b>18 Dec – Goodie Day</b>	PRUS, 1100, Treats for all children, 526-8278
<b>24 Dec – Christmas Eve Services</b>	SMC, 1700, Catholic; 1900; Protestant
<b>25 Dec – Christmas Day Services</b>	SMC, 0915, Catholic; 1100; Protestant
<b>27-30 Dec – Vacation Bible Sports Camp</b>	CYS Building 5950, 0900-1200, day camp with games, sports, Bible learning, singing, snacks and tons of fun; Ages 6-10, registration required, 526-5744
<b>31 Dec – Watch Night Service</b>	PRU, 2200, Traditional New Years Eve Gospel service program ICW fellowship social and special outreach to single Soldiers, 526-8278





# Ongoing Religious Programs



- **Protestant Women of the Chapel**  
Tuesdays, SMC 0930-1130
- **Spanish Bible Study**  
Tuesdays, SMC, 1800
- **Protestant Bible Study**  
Tuesdays, SMC, 1800
- **Knights of Columbus (Catholic Men)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, SMC, 1800
- **Jewish Lunch and Learn Study**  
Wednesdays, Provider, 1200-1300
- **Families of Deployed Soldiers Ministry**  
Wednesdays, SMC, 1700
- **Fort Carson Youth Ministries Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, SMC, 1800

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- **Catholic Prayer Group**

Wednesdays, SMC, 1700-1800

- **LDS Bible Study and Fellowship Dinner**

Wednesdays, SMC, 1830

- **Military Council of Catholic Women**

Fridays, SMC, 0930-1130

- **Gospel Women's Fellowship**

2nd Saturdays, Prussman Chapel, 0900

- **Protestant Men of the Chapel**

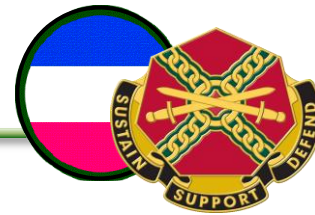
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, SMC, 0800-1200

- **Catholic Youth Ministry (Soldiers of Christ)**

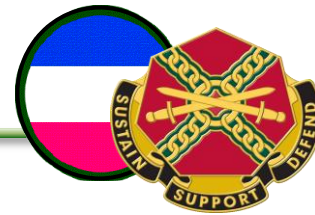
Sundays, SMC, 1200-1330

- **Fort Carson Youth Ministries**

Sundays, SMC, 1430-1630



# Special Briefs



AFAP Advisor  
719-526-8636



# Balfour Beatty Holiday Events

(719) 579-1606



# LIFEWORKS Events for December 2011



- 12/01/2011 Mitten Tree begins
- 12/06/2011 Kids Craft Time 10:30am to 11:30am
- 12/06/2011 Family Bingo Night, begins at 5:30
- 12/08/2011 Smart Coupon~ing Class and Swap 10am to 11:30am
- 12/08/2011 Polar Express Family Movie Night begins at 6pm
- 12/13/2011 Free Gift Wrapping at the Kit Carson Center, 4800 McNerney St. 9am to noon
- 12/13/2011 Santa Parade throughout the Villages 3pm to 5pm
- 12/14/2011 Free Gift Wrapping at the Joel Hefley Community Center from 2pm to 5pm
- 12/14/2011 Yard of the Month Ceremony 1pm to 2pm
- 12/15/2011 All Villages Holiday Lighting Contest judging begins
- 12/16/2011 The Jingle Bell Run, begins at the SEC at 7am.
- 12/20/2011 7<sup>th</sup> Annual toy Giveaway at the SEC from 3pm to 7pm. Registration is required.
- 12/23/2011 Decorate cookies for Santa 2pm to 3pm
- 12/27/2011 Kids Craft Time 1pm to 2pm
- 12/29/2011 New Years Resolution Craft 1pm to 2pm.



**All events are held at the Joel Hefley Community Center, 6800 Prussman Blvd, unless otherwise stated.**

Every Wednesday beginning at 4pm we host The Mountain Post Running Club. Check in is at the HUB from 4pm to 6pm. All participants can have a free on site massage after the run and will get 15% off at Borriello Brothers Pizza, located at the HUB.

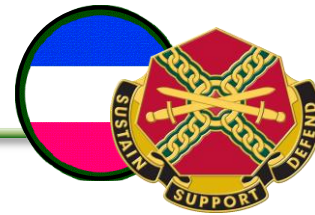
Contact the LifeWorks Coordinator with any questions at 719-579-1606.



# **Ms. Netty Eastlake (DFMWR)**

## **Holiday Village**

### **524-0404**



**Mr. Phil Martinez**  
USO Holiday Offerings  
[Pmartinez@uso.org](mailto:Pmartinez@uso.org)





## FAST FACTS:

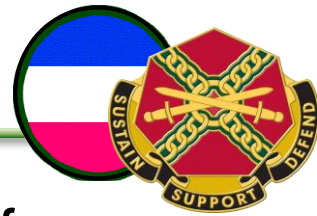
August, 1941. Washington, D.C.

The USO is born when President Roosevelt calls for the establishment of a bridge back home for U.S. troops stationed around the world.



# USO Mission

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The mission of the USO is to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities.

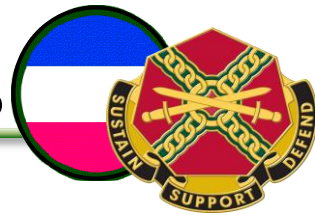
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## USO Fort Carson

- USO Center located at Fort Carson
- 3 full-time staff
  - Regional Director
  - Center/Program Manager
  - Administrative Assistant
- Volunteer-driven - we have over 45,000 volunteers worldwide. We always have a need for volunteers. It's a great way to get job experience and to get to know people.



# USO Fort Carson Services & Hours

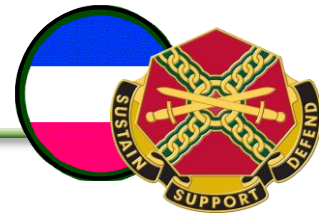


- WiFi Internet Café
- Movie Theatre
- Lounges (TV & sitting areas)
- Snack Bar & Patio
- Karaoke and Special Events
- Gaming Areas
  - Xbox
  - Pool Table
  - Poker Tables
- Conference Room
- Children's learning center and more...
- **Center Hours**
  - Mon-Fri: 1100-2100
  - Sat: 1200-1800
- **Lunch:** 1100- lunch runs out
  - Mon: Texas Roadhouse
  - Tues & Wed: Papa Johns
  - Thurs: Buffalo Wild Wings
  - Fri: BBQ by Perkins 2X/month/  
hot dogs
- **Dinner:** 1800- 2030
  - Hot dogs or burritos



# USO Christmas Party

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- Sponsored by Challenger homes
- Fully catered meal by Texas Roadhouse
- Entertainment - River Dance performers, Cari Dell Trio, Miss Colorado, Shriners' Clowns and SANTA!!!
- Raffle prizes every 30 min to include \$100 Visa gift cards
- Activities - crafts and story telling
- A free gift to every child 12 and under
- Dec 17, 2011 1100-1330 and 1430-1700
- RSVP- Dec 14 719-579-9699

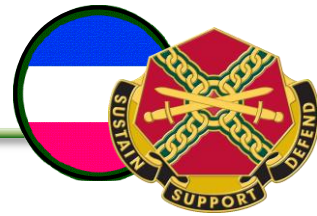
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## On-Going Specialty Nights

- Monday - Board Game Bonanza
- Friday - Movie Night
- Saturday - Kids Crafts



# Jingle Bell Rock



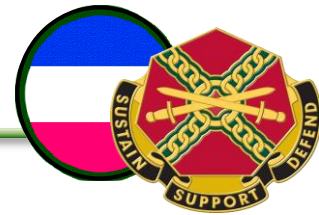
- Rock Hidden on Ft Carson
- Follow clues posted at USO
- Clues also on Facebook site
- Valuable prizes
  - \$1000 bedroom set
  - Flat screen TV
  - AFA baseball package with tickets
  - Michael Garmen \$100.00 gift package
  - \$100 Best Buy card
  - \$50 Papa Johns card
  - \$100 Visa card
  - Colorado Rockies tickets
  - \$3000 diamond necklace
  - And more!





# Bears for the Brave

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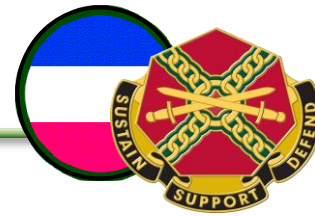


- Call (719) 579-9700 leave a message in the following format- Rank, name, Unit info, spouses name, spouses phone, then “my message is” (pause) “message” (pause) “end message”. For multiple bears pause between each message.
- Bears given to spouses and family members whose Soldiers are deployed.
- Bears sponsored by Challenger Homes.

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## How to Volunteer for USO Programs

- Paper applications at the center
- USOVolunteer.org
  - Pick location
  - Enter your info
  - Await approval



# Christmas Chaos Community Theater



# Santa's Workshop





# Discussion & Questions

**Next CIE: 26 January 2012  
0930-1100 @ the Hub**

**Happy Holidays!**

**We look forward to seeing you next year!**